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1. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 15 March 1952, there was flying by planes at Merseburg airfield. Its landing gear was not retracted while flying. The other four planes without auxiliary fuel tanks took off in groups of two and practiced flying for 30 to 40 minutes. *

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2. railroad tank cars are dispatched to the field only at night to prevent observations at the installation by railroad personnel. **

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 Comment. flying was performed only individually and in formations of two planes up to mid-March. Formerly, flights in squadron formations had been observed. The stage of training of the individual crews of the new regiment, which is equipped with about 30 MiG-15s, apparently differs considerably.

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 Comment. This information, which is believed credible, shows that the Russians make every effort to prevent any observations at the airfields. Other security measures observed include the construction of fences and trenches around the fields, dismissal of German personnel etc.

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